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DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER FACTS FAX

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DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET, US Grade A, Week Ending 21-Mar-03

DATE	PRODUCTION (000)	ICE-PACKED, MULTI-DROP, IMMEDIATE DELIVERY			
	<u>Actual Slaughter</u>	<u>Live Weight</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Weighted Price</u>	<u># of Boxes</u>
03-17	2,235	5.15	49-71	57.93	8,365
03-18	2,134	5.01	57-68	59.07	5,498
03-19	2,220	5.25	57-68	58.09	5,061
03-20	2,145	5.28	45-67	56.08	6,776
03-21	2,157	5.05	45-67	54.90	11,966
Weekly	10,891	5.15	Cumulative:	56.82	37,666

NEGOTIATED TRADING, USDA GRADE A WHOLE ICE-PACKED, Week of 24-Mar-03

Weighted Averages for:	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>
New York	51.41	54.95	45.67
Chicago	51.12	54.70	45.65
Detroit	51.86	54.73	45.27
Los Angeles	67.66	67.82	65.20
12-City Composite	58.01	60.89	54.18

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Ice-Packed, Delivered first receivers, pool and trucklot volumes, cents per pound, Week Ending 21-Mar-03

	<u>Weekly Weighted Average Price</u>	<u>Total Volume/Pounds</u>
Breast - B/S	148.88	1,783,380
Tenderloins	114.31	408,170
Breast - With Ribs	87.68	651,320
Breast - Line Run	82.05	481,940
Legs	32.90	1,115,600
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	20.80	1,422,919
Drumsticks	27.15	413,990
Thighs	33.27	175,900
B/S Thighs	67.43	285,120
Wings (Whole)	70.74	690,700

(Includes NY City metro area, RI, Northern NJ, MA, CT, PA (NE of Harrisburg))

BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED (000), Week Ending 15-Mar-03

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>	<u>10-Weeks Prior</u>	<u>7-Weeks Prior</u>
Eggs Set	204,317	205,590	208,001	204,119	204,707
Chicks Placed	167,396	163,738	172,382	164,413	166,045

SLAUGHTER OF YOUNG CHICKENS UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, W/E 15-MAR-03

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>
Head (000)	151,337	151,538	153,229
Average Live Weight	5.23	4.94	5.00
To Date 2003 (000)	1,628,803	1,477,466	-----
To Date 2002 (000)	1,679,152	1,525,923	-----

MONTHLY COLD STORAGE: Total frozen poultry supplies on 02/28/03 were up 1% from last month and were slightly above last year's level. Total stocks of chicken were down 7% from last month and down 8% from last year. Total pounds of turkeys in freezers increased 13% from last month and were 16% above last year.

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